

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of claims in this application.

1. (original) An adhesive tape, comprising:
a tape body to be adhered to an adherend,
a positioning tab positioned on one end periphery of the tape body, and
a release sheet provided on a rear side of the tape body, wherein the positioning tab and the tape body are interconnected via a connecting portion that is positioned therebetween, the connecting portion being arranged and constructed to be removed.

2. (original) An adhesive tape as defined in claim 1, wherein the positioning tab is positioned along one end periphery, and wherein the connecting portion is partly provided on one end periphery so that the tab is separated from the tape body other than the connecting portions.

3. (currently amended) An adhesive tape as defined in ~~any of claim 1 or 2~~, wherein the release sheet is provided on the entire area of the rear side of the tape body, and wherein the release sheet has a slit that is formed adjacent to the connecting portion.

4. (original) An adhesive tape as defined in any of claim 3, wherein the release sheet has an additional slit that is formed in a side periphery thereof.

5. (original) An adhesive tape as defined in claim 3, wherein the release sheet extends onto a rear side of the positioning tab beyond the connecting portion.

6. (currently amended) An adhesive tape as defined in ~~any of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1, wherein the positioning tab has a fixing element that is positioned adjacent to the connecting portions.

7. (currently amended) An adhesive tape as defined in ~~any of claims 3 to 6~~ claim 3, wherein the tape body comprises an elongated tape body, wherein the one end periphery of the tape body corresponds to one of longitudinally opposed end peripheries of the tape body, and wherein the slit is formed so as to extend along one of laterally opposed end peripheries of the tape body.

8. (currently amended) An adhesive tape as defined in ~~any of claims 1 to 7~~ claim 1, wherein the adhesive tape is designed for a vertical frame of a vehicle door.

9. (original) A method for attaching an adhesive tape to an adherend, the adhesive tape comprising a tape body, a positioning tab separably connected to one end periphery of the tape body, and a release sheet provided on a rear side of the tape body, the method comprising:

a first attaching process comprising the steps of:
locating the adhesive tape to the adherend,

removing a part of the release sheet from one end periphery toward the other end periphery of the tape body and positioning the other end periphery of the tape body, and adhering a part of the tape body in which the release sheet is removed, by pressing the part of the tape body from the other end periphery toward one end periphery as well as separating the positioning tab from the tape body, and

a second attaching process comprising the steps of:
removing a remaining part of the release sheet, and adhering a remaining part of the tape body by pressing the remaining part of the tape body from one end periphery toward the other end periphery.

10. (original) A method as defined in claim 9, wherein the steps of removing the release sheet of the first and second attaching processes comprises removing only a central

area of the release sheet.

11. (original) A method as defined in claim 10 further comprising the step of removing a remaining area of the release sheet after completion of the first and second attaching processes.

12. (currently amended) A method for manufacturing a product having an adherend and an adhesive tape attached thereto, the method comprising a method as defined in ~~any of claims 9-11~~ claim 9.

13. (original) A fixing tool for attaching an adhesive tape to an adherend, comprising:

a base, and

a support portion slidably attached to the base.

14. (original) A fixing tool as defined in claim 13 wherein the support portion has a support end edge that corresponds to one end periphery of the adhesive tape.